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Insert Title: "Transformed Microorganisms with Improved Properties"

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Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed
<u>980551</u> (Number)	<u>Finland</u> (Country)
<u>3/11/1998</u> (Month/Day/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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